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 **TITBALL ET AL.** )  
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 Serial No. **10/070,882** )  
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 For: **RECOMBINANT MICROORGANISMS** )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following amendments and remarks. Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and include authorization for payment of the appropriate fee.

A copy of the scientific paper of Oyston *et al.* (*Infect. and Immun.* 63:563-568, 1995) is enclosed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.

**Conclusion** begins on page 7.

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